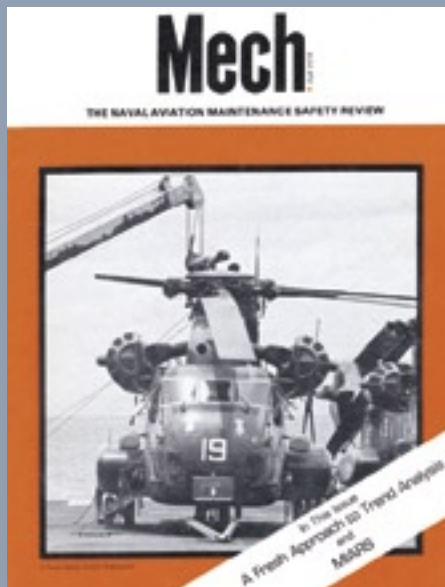


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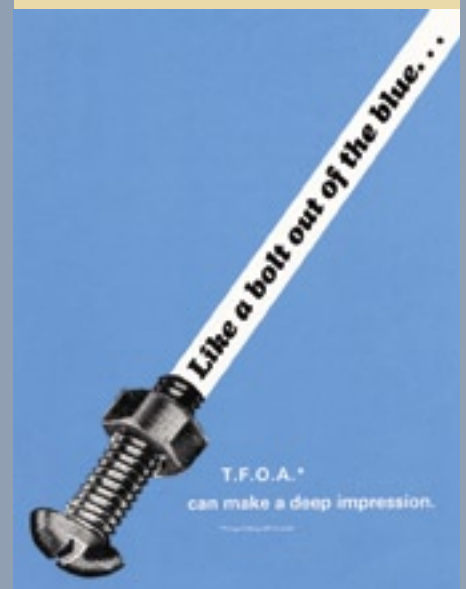
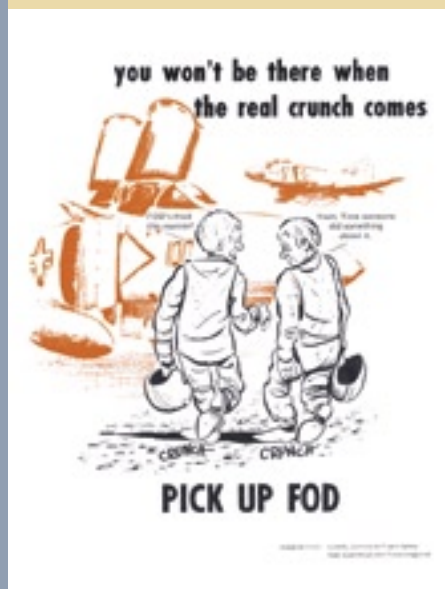
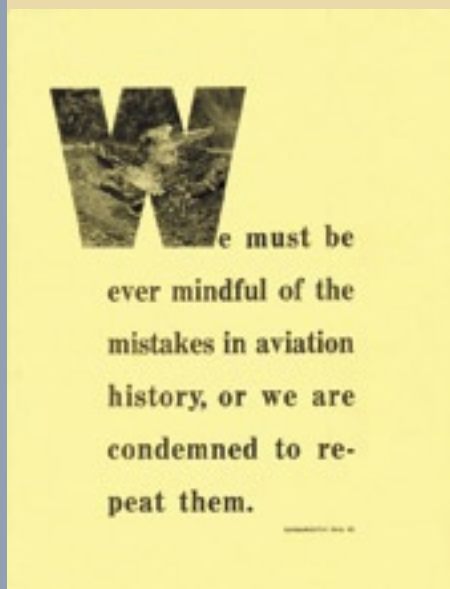
In 1961, maintenance mishaps were a big problem. This first issue didn't have stories, just 64 pages of stats, analysis, and maintenance-related mishaps of all classes. Its purpose was to help reduce mishaps.



In the 1970s, the look and content of the magazine changed. It now included first-hand accounts of things gone wrong. These "there I was" stories taught lessons about mistakes and how to prevent mishaps.



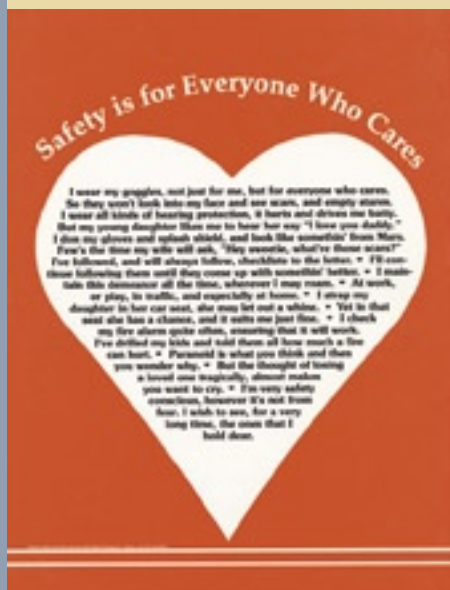
In the 1980s, the focus was on the maintainer. The magazine included a section called, "Bravo Zulu" to recognize Sailors and Marines who had done good deeds, prevented mishaps, and saved lives.



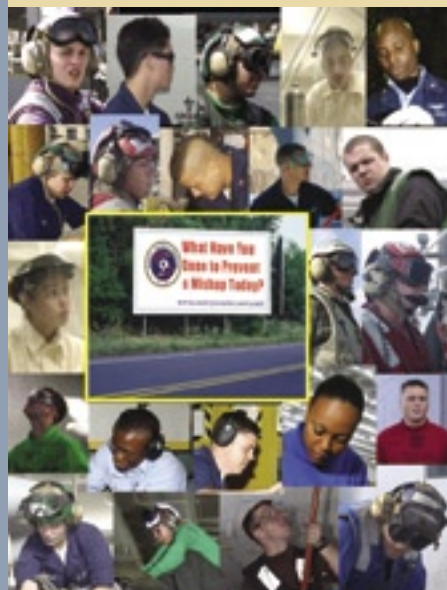
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In the 1990s *Mech* shared the beginnings of efforts to work on human factors and risk management. It included stories on new equipment and programs that make a maintainer's job easier, better, safer, or cleaner.



In the new millennium, the magazine has provided information on best practices and innovative ideas to improve existing safety programs, while still focusing on first-person stories about mishaps and near-misses.



The future is an open door. What challenges will new aircraft, ships technology, and the transformation of naval aviation and main-tenance bring? *Mech* will continue to provide informa-tion by maintainers and for maintainers.

